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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006, the examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-64, drawn to a method for the purification of the reaction product mixture of at least one alkanolamine and at least one ester and/or fatty natural material, classified in class 564, subclass 1+.
- II. Claims 65-67, drawn to a liquid engine fuel or lubricant, classified in class 44, subclass 418 (fuel) or class 508, subclass 110+ (lubricant).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-64, drawn to a method for the purification of the reaction product mixture of at least one alkanolamine and at least one ester and/or fatty natural material, classified in class 564, subclass 1+.

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